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1. JUSTICE PARTY (JP) LEADER SULEYMAN DEMIREL MET JULY 4 WITH  
TURKISH PRESIDENT FAHRI KORUTURK, WHO ASSIGNED HIM THE TASK OF  
ATTEMPTING TO FORM A NEW CABINET TO REPLACE THAT OF CARETAKER  
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PRIMIN BULENT ECEVIT, WHOSE REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP)  
CABINET FAILED JULY 3 TO WIN A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE FROM THE  
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (NA).

2. AFTER MEETING KORUTURK, DEMIREL TOLD REPORTERS THAT A NEW  
GOVERNMENT COULD NOT BE FORMED IN LESS THAN TEN DAYS BECAUSE  
OF THE DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED IN PUTTING TOGETHER A COALITION.

ASKED IF HE WAS HOPEFUL OF SUCCEEDING, HE ANSWERED, "I DO NOT DO THINGS ON THE BASIS OF HOPE." DEMIREL SAID THAT THE JP WOULD NOT DO WHAT IT HAD CRITICIZED OTHERS FOR DOING, AND THAT, UNLIKE THE RPP'S MINORITY GOVERNMENT, THE CABINET THAT HE WOULD PUT TOGETHER WOULD BE ONE WHICH COULD WIN A CONFIDENCE VOTE IN THE NA. DEMIREL SAID THAT HIS CONSULTATIONS WOULD INCLUDE MEETINGS WITH ALL PARTIES HAVING PARLIAMENTARY GROUPS, "WITHOUT DISCRIMINATING", PRESUMABLY MEANING THAT HE WOULD MEET WITH LEADERSHIP OF THE RPP AS WELL AS OF THE JP'S MOST LIKELY COALITION PARTNERS, THE RELIGIOUS FUNDAMENTALIST NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY (NSP) AND THE FAR-RIGHT NATIONALIST ACTION PARTY (NAP).

3. SPEAKING TO HIS PARTY'S GENERAL EXECUTIVE BOARD JULY 4, NSP LEADER NECMETTIN ERBAKAN REPORTEDLY CALLED THE ECEVIT CABINET'S DEFEAT "ANOTHER VICTORY FOR DEMOCRACY" AND SAID, "AS THE NSP WE HAVE THUS DONE TWO HISTORIC THINGS. THE FIRST WAS THAT WE REJECTED GOING OUTSIDE THE CONSTITUTION. THE SECOND WAS THAT WE DIDN'T ABANDON TURKEY TO DIRECTION BY A MATERIALISTIC LEFTIST OUTLOOK... WHAT HAS BEEN TRIED WILL NOT BE TRIED. WE BELIEVE THAT GOOD CANNOT COME FROM THE RPP MENTALITY."

4. AFTER MEETING JULY 4, THE RPP JOINT PARLIAMENTARY GROUP ISSUED A STATEMENT REAFFIRMING ECEVIT'S STAND (REPEATED MOST RECENTLY JULY 3) THAT, DUE TO THE RPP'S NATIONAL ASSEMBLY UNCLASSIFIED

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PLURALITY, AND THE MAJORITY IT AND LIKE-MINDED SENATORS HOLD IN THE SENATE AND THE GRAND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AS A WHOLE, NO DURABLE GOVERNMENT CAN BE FORMED WITHOUT THE RPP. DILLON

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